

[0044] In one embodiment of the present invention a method of providing a dog nose smudge laminate 320, comprising the steps of: applying dog nose powder 240 to a dog's nose DN to provide a powdered dog nose; collecting at least one dog smudge 300 from the powdered dog nose, wherein the at least one dog smudge 300 is collected on a surface 260 of a dog smudge display layer 140; applying a transparent layer 160 over the surface 260 of the dog smudge display layer 140; and sandwiching the dog smudge display layer 140 and the transparent layer 160 between a top window layer 180 and a base layer 120 to provide a dog nose smudge laminate 320, wherein the top window layer 180 defines a window aperture 280 enabling an observer to see the at least one dog smudge 300 through the transparent layer 160.

[0045] In a further embodiment of the present invention a "My Dog 'Nose Art'" kit 400 (see FIG. 10) is provided to enable a dog lover or owner to obtain a permanent reminder of a beloved dog. The dog art kit 400 comprises at least some of the items shown in FIG. 10, including: at least one cotton ball 380, chalk 410, sandpaper 420, transparent layer 160, a dog smudge display layer 140, a display card 440, and an optional instructions list sheet 460. The display card 440 defines a surface area 450. The dog smudge display layer 140 defines a surface 260. The dog smudge display layer 140 can be opaque and surface 260 can be sticky. For example, dog smudge display layer 140 can be an opaque sticky tape comprising a sticky surface, e.g., white colored sticky tape. Alternatively, dog smudge display layer 140 can be opaque paper (e.g., white paper) comprising a sticky surface.

[0046] The kit 400 (shown in FIG. 10) is used, for example, to transfer at least one dog smudge 300 from a first surface (such as a window surface SW, see, e.g., FIG. 12), to surface 260 of dog smudge display layer 140 (see FIGS. 16 and 17). The sandpaper 420 can be used to rub chalk 410 to provide dog nose powder (see FIG. 13), which in turn can be applied to the at least one dog smudge 300 on window surface WS. For example, at least one cotton ball 380 can be used to coat at least one dog smudge 300 on surface WS with powder ((see FIG. 15). At least one dog smudge 300 is transferred to surface 260 on layer 140 by bringing surface 260 into contact with at least one dog smudge 300 on the window surface WS whereupon at least one dog smudge is transferred to surface 260 of layer 140 (see FIGS. 16 and 17).

[0047] Upon transfer of dog smudge 300 to the surface 260, the layer 140 is placed on surface 450 with surface 260 positioned face-up, and a transparent protective layer 160 placed over the surface 260. Alternatively, upon transfer of dog smudge 300 to the surface 260, a transparent protective layer 160 is placed over the surface 260 to provide a laminate comprising of layers 140 and 160, which are then placed transferred to surface 450 with surface 260 positioned face-up.

[0048] The chalk 410 can be a pastel chalk to render pastel chalk powder upon rubbing with sandpaper 420. In FIG. 10 the chalk 410 is shown as a cylindrical piece of chalk. However, chalk 410 is expressly not limited to a cylindrical shape and can be any shape with any cross-section shape such as circular, square or rectangular cross-section shape. The cross-section shape of the chalk 410 can have a regular or irregular polygonal shape. Alternatively, chalk 410 can comprise several shades of pastel chalks. For example, chalk 410 can be a Crafter® Pastel Chalk Kit supplied by Crafter Products®.

[0049] The "My Dog 'Nose Art'" kit 400 enables, for example, a dog guardian or owner to take at least one dog nose

smudge 300 off of a first surface, for example, a window surface WS (see, e.g., FIG. 12) and transfer the at least one dog nose smudge from the first surface to a second surface, for example, surface 450 on display card 440. The display card 440 can be placed, for example, on the front of a fridge or into books such as, but not limited to, family albums and pet remembrance books.

[0050] In another embodiment of the present invention, a method is provided for creating dog nose art, which includes the steps of: transferring at least one dog nose smudge from a first surface (e.g., a dog smudge covered window surface or directly from a dog's nose) onto an opaque sticky surface capable of retaining the at least one dog nose smudge; covering at least part of the opaque sticky surface with a transparent protective covering to provide a laminate; and affixing the laminate to a display surface so that the at least one dog nose smudge is visible through the transparent protective covering. The display surface may include a predetermined design disposed thereon. The predetermined design can include predetermined humorous writings and/or and predetermined humorous images.

[0051] With regard to kit 400, the dog smudge display layer 140 and/or display card 440 and/or optional instructions list sheet 460 include a plurality of magnetic ferrite particles embedded therein to facilitate attachment to, for example, the surface of a kitchen fridge. More specifically, item numbers 140, 440 and 460 of kit 400 can be individually or in any combination made, at least in part, of magnetic material. For example, the display card 440 and/or display card 440 and/or optional instructions list sheet 460 can be made at least in part of a rubbery synthetic material in which magnetic ferrite particles have been embedded by a process as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,621,369 (issued to Cardner et al. on Apr. 15, 1997).

[0052] The invention being thus described, it will be evident that the same may be varied in many ways by a routineer in the applicable arts. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention and all such modifications are intended to be included within the scope of the claims.

I claim:

1. A method of providing a dog nose smudge laminate (320), comprising:
 - applying dog nose powder (240) to at least one dog nose smudge (300) to provide at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305);
 - collecting said at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305), wherein said at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305) is collected on a surface (260) of a dog smudge display layer (140);
 - applying a transparent layer (160) over said surface (260) of said dog smudge display layer (140); and
 - sandwiching said dog smudge display layer (140) and said transparent layer (160) between a top window layer (180) and a base layer (120) to provide a dog nose smudge laminate (320), wherein said surface (260) is facing away from said base layer (120) such that said at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305) disposed on said surface (260) is visible,
- wherein said top window layer (180) defines a window aperture (280) enabling an observer to see said at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge (305) through said transparent layer (160).